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1. ALTHOUGH CAIRO CONFERENCE OVERSHADOWED BY HIGH LEVEL
DIPLOMACY, IT CARRYING ON GAMELY. MEDIA REPORT MEETINGS
RESUME TODAY, DEC 21, WITH DISCUSSION OF RESULTS OF
TECHNICAL COMMITTEE MEETING EVENING DEC 20. PAPERS

"UNDERSTAND" THAT EFFORT TO REACH COMMON CONCEPT AS BASIS OF AGENDA FOR GENEVA WILL CONTINUE.

2. PRESS SAYS SOURCES CLOSE TO CONFERENCE MAINTAIN AGREEMENT THUS FAR "ELIMINATED" PEACE AGREEMENT PROPOSED BY ISRAEL AND ACHIEVED FRANK CLARIFICATION OF POSITIONS ON TOTAL WITHDRAWAL, SETTLEMENT OF PALESTINIAN PROBLEM AND "PEACE ARRANGEMENTS". SADAT AND BEGIN, ACCORDING THESE REPORTS, HAVE REACHED AGREEMENT ON "FRAMEWORK OF COMPREHENSIVE PEACE" TO REFER TO CONFERENCE FOR DETAILED WORK. CONFERENCE THUS EXPECTED TO REMAIN IN CONTINUOUS SESSION PENDING RESULTS OF FURTHER CONTACTS AT HIGHEST LEVELS.

3. COVERAGE AGAIN PREDICTS LEVEL OF REPRESENTATION WILL BE RAISED TO FOREIGN MINISTER LEVEL IF BEGIN-SADAT TALKS FRUITFUL. NOW ANNOUNCES NEW STAGE WOULD BEGIN JAN 4 AND NEW INVITATIONS EXTENDED TO ALL PARTIES TO SEND FOREIGN MINISTERS. (MEMBER OF ISRAELI DELEGATION TOLD EMBOFF DEC 20 HE SEES ODDS AS 3-1 FOREIGN MINISTERS WILL JOIN IN DELIBERATIONS.)

4. ALL PAPERS ALSO QUOTED EGYPTIAN NUMBER TWO DELEGATE USAMA EL-BAZ AS SAYING THAT GENEVA CONFERENCE EXPECTED TO BE HELD "IN NEXT FEW WEEKS". MEANWHILE, HE OPINED THAT PERMANENT SETTLEMENT MAY NOT BE MORE THAN FEW MONTHS OFF, SINCE SADAT INITIATIVE HAS CREATED AN ATMOSPHERE "WHICH UNCLASSIFIED

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HAS FORCED ISRAEL INTO MAKING CONCESSIONS." ACCORDING EL-BAZ, NEXT FEW DAYS WILL DEMONSTRATE THAT EGYPT FOCUSING ON INTERESTS OF ARAB WORLD AND GIVING THEM "TRUE EXPRESSION".

5. EXTRAMURAL ACTIVITIES OF ISRAELI DELEGATION CONTINUE TO BE WELL COVERED. PAPERS REPORTED ON THEIR VISIT TO SADAT'S HOME HAMLET OF MIT ABU EL KOM WHERE BEN ELISSAR QUOTED AS EXPRESSING SATISFACTION WITH WARMTH OF WELCOME AND EVIDENT DESIRE OF INHABITANTS FOR PEACE. ELTS

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